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photo by Jack Devine

"The Captain Charles Leonard House"

Listed in the National Register of Historic Places

Back in the early 1800s, at the end of an all day stage coach trip from Hartford over dusty dirt roads many weary travelers stopped over night at a lovely tavern run by Charles Leonard and now known by his name the Captain Charles Leonard House. He was known by his neighbors as the farmer who graduated from Harvard. His wife was a descendant of the Bodurtha Family.

Since those days the house changed hands several times and was finally purchased by Mrs. Minerva Davis who restored it in 1939 and entrusted it to a Board of Trustees who are responsible for its financial security and maintenance as a community headquarters

for Agawam.

On March 10, 1975, the Leonard House was admitted to the National Register of Historic Places where it takes its place as the only house so designated in Agawam and is thus assured to be a permanent land mark for years to come.

It is the home of the Agawam Senior and Junior Womens Club, the Agawam Historical Society, the Bible Study group, the Agawam Bridge Club and many other local and area groups.

The Agawam Womens Club Centennial Committee has recently been responsible for a complete redecorating of the South parlor, The Historical Society

and the Lions Club have contributed to the redecorating of the Old Kitchen and the working kitchen.

Other clubs and individuals contribute to the financial needs of maintaining the Leonard House by renting the various rooms for meetings, showers and weddings held there.

The hosts at the house, live in one of the apartments on the second floor. They will be glad to set up dates and provide rental information to individuals or groups who are interested in using the House for luncheons, teas, dinners, bridge parties, meetings, weddings or other social gatherings.

Charter Commission Approves 20% Voter Turnout

In a 5-4 vote, the Charter Commission recommended a charter revision mandating a 20 percent voter turnout will be required to make a special referendum election binding.

During a lengthy discussion, Commission member Benjamin Lockhart spoke against the revision by stating that, "people could choose to stay home and defeat a bill. If a bill is voted in by 10 percent then the rest of the voters have no one to blame but themselves."

Chairman Andrew Gallano indicated that this was a "negative attitude -

telling people to stay home." He went on to say that the original Charter Commission "might have overlooked the minimum twenty percent."

Commission member, and Councilor, Ken Barnes, who later voted against the revision, indicated that a majority of the minority could bind a special election because only 40 percent of the electorate vote in a regular election and less than that in a special election. Walter Kerr, also a Commission member, requested that Edwin Gere, Commission consultant look into the legality of the

motion before he would vote. Mr. Gere indicated that the "legislature does it to one community so we can do it in Agawam."

Commission member Julio Alvigini stated that the minimum should, in his opinion, be higher, but he voted for the twenty percent requirement.

In other action at the meeting the Charter Commission asked Mr. Gere to look into rewriting the Charter so that a person with a fourth or fifth grade reading level could understand the context of the various sections.

A recall proposal was voted out unanimously by the Charter Commission. It was felt by all members that it was not required, that the council would take its own action.

Upon recommendation from Ken Barnes the commission voted to have all rules and regulations adopted by a town agency placed in the clerks office within three calendar days.

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Mrs. D's Seeks Hardship Variance

On Wednesday, May 10, the Agawam Board of Appeals convened at 36 Main St. to hear a petition by Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DiFlumera seeking a hardship variance to reopen their store, recently closed by a Superior Court ruling. The meeting was promptly adjourned to the Middle School Cafeteria to accommodate the nearly one hundred people in attendance.

Sitting on the Board of Appeals are five members: Ted Progulski, Chairman, Jerry Zerra, John Juliano, Ron Rivera and Richard Merchant. The Board conducted the sometimes emotional meeting in an orderly and controlled manner, giving each side an equal chance to present their opinions and facts without interruption by the crowd.

Chairman Progulski opened the meeting with a statement questioning the rationale behind the recent stay of execution given the DiFlumeras by the court until May 17, pending this hearing. He also said that the situation was unique in that the Board of Appeals would be in a position of overturning the Superior Court decision. He expressed further reluctance to proceed with the hearing until the DiFlumeras had exhausted the pending appeal to a higher court.

However, assurances given by Attorney Elio Bellucci that the appeal would be withdrawn, and agreement by all parties that the legal merits already decided in court would not be retried, the hearing was begun.

Attorney Elio Bellucci, representing the DiFlumeras, opened his case by offering into evidence the history of the land since 1925. The documents, subpoenaed from Building Inspector Joseph Conte's office, showed the commercial nature of the land and building. Mr. Conte's testimony traced a history of commercial use and also the fact that a certificate of occupancy had never been filed during the several months immediately preceding the purchase of the premises by the DiFlumeras. He further testified that the building would have no use, under Agawam's current zoning laws, and would be unsuitable for residential habitation.

Atty. Bellucci offered into evidence a petition signed by 1566 people as evidence of public good. He stated that "public good can be shown by public response." The petition carried signatures of 1128 Agawam Feeding Hills residents.

Atty. Bellucci next stated that the DiFlumeras had expended large sums of

money to fix up the establishment and had transformed an "unsafe, unsightly, deplorable condition" into a beautiful country store. He cited the need for a general store in that vicinity and the area acceptance of Mrs. D's Country Store.

Atty. Bellucci summed up his arguments and asked the Board of Appeals to grant the variance because to deny it would result in financial ruin for his clients; that the DiFlumeras had entered into the premises in good faith based on the opinion of the building inspector and had served the best interests of the area and the town.

Atty. Bruce Clarkin, representing Mrs. Rose Cavanaugh, spoke in opposition to granting of the hardship variance. He said that the Board was bound to act in accordance with the laws and not the emotions of the crowd. Calling the store a "mini superette", he cited the high volume, long hours and excessive noise as disturbing to his client. He also cited the speed of traffic on Rte 57 and the lack of adequate parking space for loading and unloading. Above all, he pointed to the fact that the land was zoned A-2 Residential, which was the second highest type of residential zoning. He stated that it would be wrong to

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With the help of their small children, members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club cleaned Benjamin Wade Park on Franklin Street as part of the Governor's Litter Olympics campaign. The children are, from left to right: Cami Beaulieu, Cressi Beaulieu, Tracy Hout, Kevin Willard (with rake), Bryan Connery, Amy Hakew, Katie DeBonville, Amy Haben, and Ricky Delbarba.

photo by Jack Devine

Litter Olympics Clean-Up

The Agawam Junior Women's Club held its second annual spring clean-up of the Benjamin Franklin Wade Park during Litter Olympics week, collecting over twenty bushels of trash. As a follow-up to this

project, the Juniors plan to hold another clean-up on Sunday, May 21, at the rear entrance to the Agawam Shopping Center from 1-4 p.m. The rain date will be Sunday, June 4. All glass and aluminum will be collected

separately for recycling. Anyone interested in helping is welcome. In addition to the tangible results of this project, the Juniors hope to focus public attention on the litter problem and possible solutions.

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New Restaurant Opens

AVERSA'S Restaurant at the corner of So. Rahama Circle and Washington Street Extension has opened its doors to the public. Owner Manager Bob Aversa, a lifelong resident of Agawam is operating the restaurant located in the Agawam Shopping Center. Operating hours for Aversa's are from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday thru Saturday. Aversa's serves breakfast continuously throughout the day, and specializes in grinders. Also available are

deli-type roast beef, corned beef, and pastrami sandwiches.

Aversa's is located in a new, modern facility. There are booths for seating, and a take-out service is available. Take out orders may be phoned in by calling.

Stop in and try this new eating establishment for a great breakfast, lunch, or whatever. You'll be glad you did.

Best of luck to Bob Aversa and his staff from the Agawam Advertiser News.

Mrs. D's....

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allow a business to operate in A-2. He felt that it was "pretty elementary. How can you put a convenience store in an A-2 residential zone. It's very clear that a variance cannot be granted under the law."

Mr. Progulski thanked the members of the audience for their restraint during the proceedings. He stated that this case, along with the Pheasant Hill Village decision, were the two toughest decisions the Board has had to face in eleven years. He commended both sides for their presentations and gave the parties instructions for filing appeals if dissatisfied with the decision. He also stated that, by law, the Board must hand down their decision within seventy-five days. He again questioned the temporary stay as putting unreasonable pressure on the parties.

Mr. Zerra stated that "the case will be decided on the facts and not on emotion."



Presenting Award to Norbert Adamski, Chairman of the Bingo Committee at the Polish American Club are from left: Sheileen Sapelli, Drum Majorette, Agawam High Band; Caren Ouellette, Band President; Adamski; And Maryann Turner, member of the Agawam High Colorguard. photo by Jack Devine

Thanks From Agawam High Band

The Agawam High School Band and Color Guard thank the public for supporting them in their recent fund-raising raffle. The drawing was held at the Polish-American Club in Feeding Hills on May 9th, 1978. The winners of the raffle were

first prize portable TV to Diane Harbey, second prize portable radio to Sue Librero, third prize attache case to Fred Soffen.

The band was represented by Caren Ouellette - Band President, Sheileen Sapelli - Drum Majorette, Mary Ann

Turner - Colorguard member. They also presented a plaque to Norman Adamski chairman of the Polish Club Bingo Committee in appreciation for the clubs generous support to the band this year.

Charter Commission....

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In a second session last week, the Charter Commission tentatively agreed to retain school maintenance personnel under the jurisdiction of the town manager.

A proposed revision to return the maintenance personnel back to the School department failed to gain enough support from the Commission.

Maintenance funds are presently included in the town budget, and not the school department. Chairman Andrew Gallano pointed out that the town seems "generally satisfied" with the system as it presently exists.

At the same session, the Commission approved a revision altering the procedure for filling a vacancy on the Town Council and the School Committee.

Under the proposed revision, a special election will be held to fill a vacancy if the vacancy occurs during the first fifteen months of an elected term. A vacancy occurring between the 16th and 24th month will be filled by the candidate who received the next highest vote total at the previous regular election.

The Town Council, last week voted 12-3 to approve the third and final reading of the \$4-million bond issue to finance the renovation and expansion of the high school.

After six years of planning and study, actual construction work should begin in the fall. The renovation and expansion are needed for Agawam High to retain its accreditation. The project will receive fifty percent reimbursement from the state.

Councilor Frederick Nardi, who has opposed all of the three required hearings of the bond issue urged the Council to defer a final vote until the school is evaluated for accreditation in the fall. He also told the Council that his research indicated that the high school "would not lose its accreditation completely" if all of the proposed work were not done.

Business Director James Coon, and architect for the project Alfred Cusella had previously told the Council that the proposed renovations and expansion were the minimum needed to retain accreditation. Coon had also pointed out previously that loss of accreditation would make property values in Agawam decline significantly noting that the same situation has occurred in a neighboring town.

All fifteen Council members were present for the vote. Those voting in opposition to the bond issue were Councilors Nardi, Cincotta, and Landers.

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Left to Right: Mary Zanetti, Springfield; Geraldine Roberts, West Springfield, and Brenda Devine of Agawam received their nursing pins at a recent ceremony at Fitchburg State College. The students have all completed four years of nursing studies, and will receive Bachelor of Science Degrees in commencement ceremonies to be held at the school on Sunday, June 4. photo by Jack Devine

Community Grange

Community Grange will meet Tuesday evening, May 16th at 8 o'clock at the Grange Home on No. West Street. Invitations have been extended to Southwick and West Springfield Granges to be our guests for the evening.

A Barbershop Quartet

from the local organization of greater Springfield have been invited to provide the program for the evening.

A social hour will follow the program. Mrs. Roberta Cesan is chairperson of the refreshment committee assisted by Ruth Vigneaux and Rachael Foakes.

Rotary Club

Public Auction

The first annual Agawam Rotary Club Public Auction will be held on Saturday, July 8, 1978, 1-4 p.m. at the Westfield Savings Bank, grounds on Main Street, Agawam. Rain or Shine. All proceeds will benefit the Agawam Library Building Fund.

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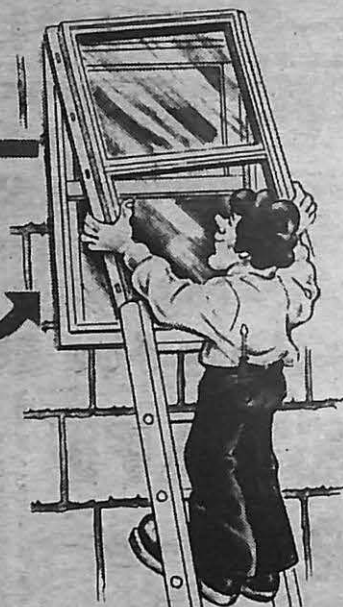
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The Agawam Fire Department: A Distinguished History of Service

Prior to 1949, the town of Agawam boasted two regular firemen and a company of volunteers. On May 9, 1949, seven men were appointed as Agawam's first

regular fire department. The seven men, Harry Schneider, John Dugan,

and William DeForge. With the addition of the three men, the shifts were reduced



Members of Agawam's Fire Department made quick work of this automobile fire recently.

Mahlon Inman, Merwin Farnsworth, Sid Granger, Dave Treahy, and Riley Farnsworth worked seventy two hour shifts to man the three stations; Ottawa Street, Feeding Hills Center, and Elm Street.

In 1951, three men were added to the department—Sam Provo, Robert Cooley,

from 72 to 64 hours.

In 1953, the fire department went under the jurisdiction of the Civil Service. Every member of the fire department took the exam - and passed.

In 1957 member of the department took the exam for lieutenant. Three men, Sam Provo, William DeForge, and Harry Schneider all passed and were promoted in rank. In the same year, a special town wide election was held and the question of lessening the fire fighter's work week to 48 hours was passed by a vote of 2865 to 935.

In 1961, Harry Schneider was appointed Chief a position he still holds. Schneider had under him twenty one firefighters.

Today, Agawam's Fire Department consists of Chief Schneider. Deputy Chief Russell Jenks; Training Officer, Lt. Charles Stowers; Firefighter Mechanic, Richard Fearn; Fire Inspector Edward Bobeck; forty full time fire fighters, and twenty call men (volunteers who are presently paid \$4.00 per hour).

Firemen now work a forty two hour work week in which



Chief Harry Schneider

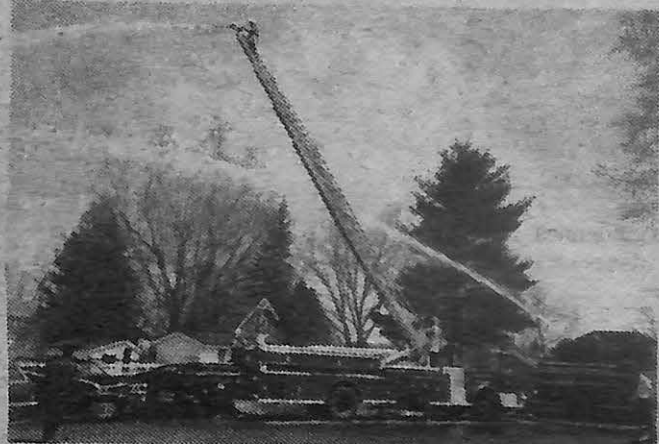
photo by Jack Devine

they continually train and are well prepared for any type of fire emergency.

Several of the firemen are also Emergency Medical Technicians, and as of January 1, 1968 have taken over fifty percent of the responsibility for the town

ambulance a duty they share with the Police department.

The growth of the fire department over the years has kept pace with the needs of Agawam's residents. Agawam can be proud of the fine job these men are performing.



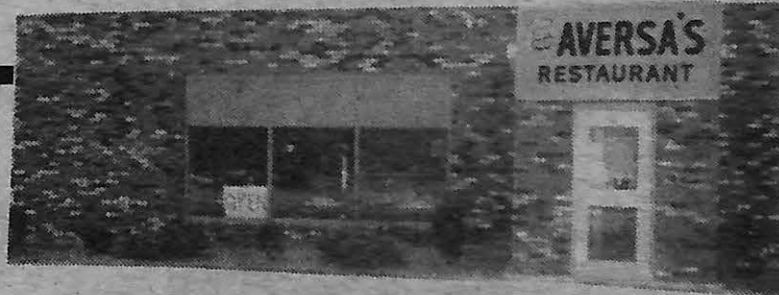
Agawam Firemen helped put out a recent blaze in West Springfield.
photo by Jack Devine

Discussion Group for Special Needs Parents

A discussion group is being offered for Agawam parents of special needs children by Seth Dunn, Dept. Mental Health; Cindy Martin, Hampden County

Association of Retarded; and Edna Condino, Council for Children on various areas of need for the parent. Do you have concerns for your child, or perhaps you

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MONDAY 15

6:00 **The White Buffalo.** Slim Pickens. (PG-1:37).
 8:00 **USA-Japan Gymnastics.** Part 1. Men's and women's competition.
 9:00 **Race for your Life, Charlie Brown!** The Peanuts gang goes off to summer camp (G-1:25).
 10:30 **Special Delivery.** Cybill Shepherd (PG-1:39).
 12:45 **USA-Japan Gymnastics.** Part 1. Commentary by Spencer Ross and John Traetta.

TUESDAY 16

5:00 **A Bridge Too Far.** Gene Hackman and James Caan in war epic (PG-2:55).
 8:00 **Fraternity Row.** You'll recognize upperclassman Peter Fox from *The Waltons* (PG-1:41).
 10:00 **Slapshot.** Uproarious Paul Newman movie about battling hockey players (R-2:02).
 12:00 **Eat My Dust!** Ron Howard in joy-ride to end all joy-rides. (PG-1:30).

WEDNESDAY 17

6:00 **The Premonition.** Chilling and thrilling. Sharon Farrell stars. (PG-1:34).
 8:00 **The Missouri Breaks.** Offbeat western directed by Arthur Penn starring Marlon Brando. (PG-2:06).
 10:30 **Providence.** Alain Resnais' film stars John Gielgud, Ellen Burstyn and Dirk Bogarde. (R-1:44).
 12:15 **Last Days of Man on Earth.** From sci-writer Michael Moorcock (R-1:24).

THURSDAY 18

6:30 **Race for your Life, Charlie Brown!** Charles Schulz's comic strip characters take off for summer camp (G-1:25).
 8:00 **World Team Tennis.** Seattle Cascades at Los Angeles Strings (tape).
 9:30 **Hollywood Salutes Neil Simon.** Standing Room Only. Catch Rita Moreno singing "Hey, Big Spender."
 11:00 **Cousin, Cousine.** Very warm, very French, very adult. (Dubbed-R-1:35).

Caputo asks CATV Commission for Guidelines

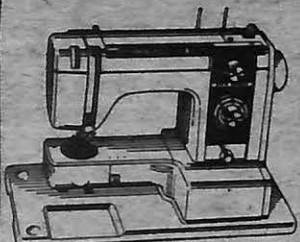
Town Manager, Peter Caputo recently sent a letter to the state "Community Antenna Television Commission" requesting the Commission to draft a "system of rate setting regulations for local authority to utilize as guidelines for setting non-discriminatory rates" rather than "subordinate local control over rate setting for subscribers of Cable Television."

The Commission is proposing to take over rate setting control of the various local Cable T.V. companies on the basis that local authority is incapable of understanding the rate setting system, and unable to make an unbiased appraisal of a proposed rate increase.

In his letter to the Commission, Caputo takes exception to those opinions and proposes instead that their

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6:00 **White Buffalo.** Charles Bronson stars as Wild Bill Hickok (PG-1:37).
 8:00 **The Last Tycoon.** Premiere. Hollywood is the stage for this romance with an all-star cast headed by Robert DeNiro. (PG-2:05).
 10:30 **The White Buffalo.** Charles Bronson and Slim Pickens in film from the creators of *King Kong*. (PG-1:37).
 12:30 **Last Days of Man on Earth.** Sterling Hayden in a futuristic drama (R-1:24).

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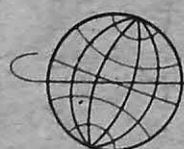
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MAY 20 & 21

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 10-6:30 on May 20
 9-1 on May 21

MAY 20, 1978

Car Wash
 HI Lo's V.F.W. Post 1632
 Drill Band
 8-4
 194 South St., Feeding Hills

MAY 31, 1978

Agawam Historical Society Meeting
 6:30 P.M.
 Agawam Baptist Church
 Parish House

MAY 20, 1978

Tag & Bake Sale
 St. David's Church
 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Parish Hall
 Springfield St., Feeding Hills

JUNE 3, 1978

Flea Market
 Ladies Aid
 Agawam Congregational Church
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Editorials

We recognize the difficulty in the Mrs. D's Country Store decision: there must be a loser. A decision cannot be reached which will please all parties to this matter. The decision itself will come under fire from an emotional, as well as legal, standpoint. However, we recognize the fact that a decision must be made.

We urge the Board to grant the petition. We do so for the following reasons: Mr. Conte's records tend to prove the historically commercial nature of the property. A lack of records tends to not prove a legal use of a residential nature, ie, a certificate of occupancy was never issued for the several months before the DiFlumeras bought the property. Further, on this point, Mrs. Cavanaugh, the original plaintiff in this case, has acknowledged in her testimony that she was aware of the commercial use of the property when she bought her property in June 1973. She cannot fully expect the owners of the property to sell their business zoned property as something else and possibly for less money. Of course they would attempt to sell it as a piece of commercial property.

Also, we are informed that Mrs. Cavanaugh had been offered the option on the property for a reasonable sum before it was purchased by the DiFlumeras. She declined to purchase.

We are also inclined to believe the testimony of Mr. Bertram Goodwin, who lives directly across the street, when he says that the property has been "an eyesore for the 26 years" he has lived there. We agree with him when he says that the Country Store is a bargain when compared to what they have had. And possibly what they might have if the petition is denied.

Lastly, and most importantly, we feel that the Board of Appeals has already addressed this question in their 1974 Cogen decision when they denied a hardship variance to permit a "professional building" to operate on the premises. They said that they must deny because the intended use was different than the use currently enjoyed, namely a general store. This decision was not challenged by Mrs. Cavanaugh or any other person involved. Apparently, no one thought the property enjoyed any other use than that of a general store.

Although we believe the variance should be granted, we do feel that the guidelines involving hours should be enforced. It came out quite clearly in the recent hearing that the store was granted the right to operate with certain restrictions. One of these restrictions was a night curfew because of the excessive noise.

We do not feel that this store is any more of a safety hazard than any other store on Springfield St. We believe that the noise on Springfield St. and Southwick St. is excessive with or without the store. We don't believe that the DiFlumeras should be made to suffer financial ruin because of these factors. We regret the inconvenience to the abutting neighbors but we feel the greatest harm would result from a denial of the petition.



It's Amusing

by Bob Guevin

The Board Of Appeals hearing this past week drew forth some disheartening testimony that makes one sad to be a part of an otherwise nice community. Evidently, some members of this community leave a little something to be desired in the area of decency and common sense. The obscene language and gestures...the vandalism... the litter thrown on the abutting property... there can be no excuse for this type of behavior. People like that should be held suspect. It is to the credit of the DiFlumeras, as pointed out by Mrs. Cavanaugh, that they have maintained their dignity and composure throughout this trying period. Their supporters have also shown courtesy and respect for personal property. As usual, a small minority have gone completely past socially acceptable means. It is sad.

Have you heard about the track team that wasn't too smart? Their javelin team elected to receive.

Speaking of Javelins Dept.: we own a 1968 Javelin which has been worth its weight in gold. (Would you believe tin?) The car has well over 90,000 miles and just keeps rolling along. Since the T.V. show, we have considered repainting it like the "Hawk" and selling it. Do I hear any offers?

As you know, we like to give coverage to town sporting events. If we could get some cooperation from the High School Baseball people, we would be pleased to give them a little more space than just reporting who won or lost the games.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Bill Chiba. Bill recently underwent some minor surgery and is home recovering. We miss the "Sportsman's Corner" column you write, Bill, but even more we miss your ugly face. Get well soon.

ABOUT THIS SERIES...

In the coming weeks, the AGAWAM Advertiser/News will be spotlighting various town officials. We began with the new Town Manager and are now featuring a member of the Town Council each week. We hope to eventually cover all Departments in town and thus hope to enlighten our readers and perhaps help them to become more familiar with their system of government and its members.

Donald Laduzenski



Precinct 5

Beating out your opponent by only four votes certainly looks like a close race, but, the fact that the winner has only lived in Agawam for four years, makes the victory even more impressive.

Donald Laduzenski, Councilman from Precinct 5 is a native of Chicopee. He graduated from Chicopee High School, served four years in the Marine Corps - some of which time was spent in Vietnam, and received a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master of Business Administration from American International College. Laduzenski is presently employed as an accountant for Smith and Wesson.

Not liking some of the things he saw in Agawam's town government, Laduzenski decided, even though he didn't think he had much of a chance, to run for Councilman from his precinct. He conducted his campaign "in person" as he made the rounds of his precinct door-to-door at least once, and in some cases twice.

The thing that disturbs him right now, is the

seeming reluctance of his constituents to call him and express their opinions. Laduzenski, and fellow Councilman from precinct 5, Paul Paleologopoulos, are formulating plans in an effort to meet with or contact, residents from their precinct to obtain input on the various issues before the Council.

Laduzenski stated that he "doesn't like the present reorganization plan." He commented that "with the directors, we are simply building another bureaucracy." He further noted that the population of Agawam doesn't warrant the added expenditure that the present reorganization creates. Laduzenski said it was feeling that the present Town manager is a very capable individual who could certainly handle much of the director's work himself. Laduzenski stated, "I urge the voters in Agawam to defeat the present reorganization at the upcoming special election."

On the issue of the \$4 million high school bonding, Laduzenski noted, that

although he felt some repairs should have been done before this, that it was not fair to the children of Agawam to deny them a high school which is accredited.

Laduzenski said that

when he first moved to Agawam, he was shocked to see such a haphazard mixture of business and residences in some areas of the town. He said that he feels businesses should not and must not be restricted, but that proper planning is a must - now, before all land in Agawam has been developed. He commented that we have "to seek new industry and business by making Agawam attractive to them." He said that this is a good way to help our tax base, and that with proper planning, Agawam can be made into an even more attractive, less expensive (tax wise) place in which to live and work.

Laduzenski stated that he ran on the platform of "objective representation" and in his Council work has always "voted on the issues and not the personalities." He noted that while the Council may not agree 100 percent on all of the issues, they are still able to accomplish a lot and to get things in a orderly fashion.

Laduzenski and his wife have recently had their first child, daughter Sarah-Jean. Laduzenski is also a member of the Wilson Thompson American legion post 185.

From the Editor's Desk

by Pat Guevin



The attendance at the public hearing on the school budget last week was less than desirable. It seems as though more than ten or twelve people should be interested in how \$6-million of their tax dollars are going to be spent!

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In next weeks paper, the town will publish a copy of the ballot for the upcoming special election. Please make a point of reading it - then get out and vote. The voters of Agawam have been apathetic long enough. Lets start exercising our Constitutional rights - has anyone ever heard the old adage "you loose what you don't use"?

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Some of the Guevin clan dined out at the Green Gables Restaurant last week. It was a first for us, but certainly not the last. The food was excellent - as was the service. The whole experience was most enjoyable.

TO THE EDITOR:

On a recent evening the entire Band Department of the Agawam Public Schools, under the direction of Darcy Davis presented Band Time. Those in attendance agreed it was without a doubt an outstanding program. In all about 350 students from fifth thru twelfth grades demonstrated their musical talents to a filled gymnasium of parents and friends. Three cheers not only to the musicians but also to the professionals, their teachers. Each have their own style and it was reflected in the students performances. The concert started with the fifth graders who have only been playing since September, and ended with the Agawam High School Concert Band.

What a joy to hear the little fifth graders in a flawless offering of "Soul Rock". Mr. David Baldock directing the sixth, seventh, and Junior High Band in such intricate renditions as "Variations Overture" and the "Star Wars Melody". The Agawam High school Concert Band was last on the program. They did an outstanding program especially the selection "Light Cavalry Overture." The evening ended with all of the five bands combining to offer "American the Beautiful". Yes, Music did fill the air that evening and I'm glad I took the time to attend and support the dedicated and enthusiastic directors of Music of the Agawam School system.

Jessie D. Fuller
Agawam School Committee



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Obituaries

HAZEL HEALY

Hazel O. (Wall) Healy, 81, of 57 Kensington St., Feeding Hills, died Monday, May 8 in Baystate Medical Center. Born in Easthampton, she was a resident here since 1924. She was a member of Sacred Heart Church. Wife of the late Robert J. Healy, she leaves a son, Robert J. of Winthrop; a daughter, Justine P. of Feeding Hills; and three grandchildren. The funeral was held Thursday, May 11 at the Curran-Jones Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

ELIZABETH SMITH

Elizabeth (Murphy) Smith, 85, of Cooper Street, formerly of Palmer, died Sunday, May 7 in a local nursing home. Born in Warren, she lived most of her life in Palmer and moved to Agawam five years ago. She was the widow of Edward Smith. She leaves a daughter, Madeline Gernon of Melbourne Beach, Fla.; and a grandchild. The funeral was held Tuesday, May 9 in St. Thomas Church with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, both in Palmer. The Roberge Funeral Home, Palmer, is in charge.

HELEN FOOTE

Helen (Caruso) Foote, 67, of 755 Suffield St., retired self-employed beautician, with 35 years of service, died Thursday in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. A lifelong resident, she was a communicant of John the Evangelist Church. She leaves her husband, Kenneth Foote; a daughter, Nancy Watson of Silver Spring, Md.; a brother, Louis of York, Maine; and four sisters, Louise Moreno, Madeline Negrucci, Jennie Lukas and Gloria McLellan, all of Agawam. The funeral will be Saturday at the George B. Tazzini and Son Funeral Home, Springfield, and in the church with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery. Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society.

ISABEL M. POGGI

Isabel M. (Martone) Poggi, 64, formerly of 27 Raymond Circle, widow of Felix Poggi, died Wednesday, May 10 in Baystate Medical Center, Springfield. Born in West Springfield, she lived in Agawam 27 years and was a member of Holy Family League of Charity and was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and a member of Holy of its Guild. She leaves a son, David F. of Agawam; three brothers, Clement and Quinto, both of West Springfield and Albert of Agawam; two sisters, Rita Larese of West Springfield and Dolores Norton of Broad Brook, Conn.; and three grandchildren. The funeral was held Saturday, May 13, at the Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, West Springfield, and in the church with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

St. Davids Tag & Bake Sale

St. David's Church will hold a tag and bake sale on Saturday, May 20th, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. at the Parish Hall, 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills. A wide selection of household items, bric-a-brac and clothing will be available. A snack bar will provide a light lunch for those desiring refreshments. Robert Wise and Albert LaMountain are serving as co-chairman, and they are being assisted by members of the Executive Council and the Women's Group.

Garden Club Plant Sale

The annual plant sale held by the Agawam Garden Club will be held on Saturday, May 20 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the Agawam Congregational Church. Mrs. Alice Moor is co-chairman of the event. Perennials, annuals, geraniums, and vegetables of good quality will be sold. Home baked goods will also be sold. All baked goods should be brought to the Church by 9 a.m. the day of the sale.

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Young Businessman of the Week



Bryan Kinsley

This week the Agawam Advertiser News salutes carrier Bryan Kinsley as our Young Businessman of the Week. Bryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kinsley, Jr. of Chapin Street, Feeding Hills is thirteen years old and is an eighth grade student at the Agawam Jr. High.

Bryan plays basketball for the Agawam A.A., and likes to go fishing. He is a member of the Boy Scouts, likes to collect stamps, and plays the snare drum for the St. George Olympians Drum and Bugle Corps.

As if all of his activities were not enough to occupy Bryan's time, on Saturdays he helps his father, owner of Kinsley Trucking, by washing trucks and generally cleaning up.

Bryan has a younger brother, Steve, who helps Bryan by delivering papers on Day Street. Besides Day, Bryan also delivers to, Wilson, Taft, Harding,

McKinley, Grant, and Cleveland Streets, and a portion of Springfield Street.

The Advertiser News recognizes Bryan as an industrious individual who does a fine job in delivering this newspaper to his neighbors in Feeding Hills.

Ladies Aid Flea Market

AGAWAM: The Ladies Aid of the Agawam Congregational Church will hold their semi-annual Flea Market on Saturday, June 3 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. A rain date of the following

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Social

Farewell Reception for Exchange Students

A community farewell reception will be held on Monday, May 22nd at the Agawam Junior High School at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. The annual meeting and election of officers will take place prior to the reception at 6:45 p.m.

Paulo Calcagnotto, from Brazil who has been the host son of the Jose Vasquez family and Miyako Kodima, host daughter of the Richard Brindle family have been speaking at area schools and many of our civic clubs and organizations. Those of you who have not had the opportunity to hear the students speak or to meet with them individually will find this reception an opportunity to do so.

The student club along with members of the adult chapter will speak briefly on highlights of the past AFS year experiences.

Informality is the keynote of all AFS gatherings. We represent the family our visiting foreign student has had while in our country. Please come to our reception on May 22nd and join our AFS family in saying either a fond hello or goodbye to Paulo and Miyako.

Golden Agers

On May 10th, the Agawam Golden Agers held a memorial service for their departed members. Kay Aldrich read the roll call, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Olivo provided the music and song. Refreshments were enjoyed by all who attended.

The next meeting of the Agawam Golden Age Club will be held on May 31, 1978 at the Senior Center, Meadowbrook Manor. The meeting will begin promptly at 1:30 p.m., and movies will be shown.

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Agawam Historical Society to Meet

The annual meeting of the Agawam Historical Society will be held at the Agawam Baptist Church Parish House Wednesday May 31st preceded by a dinner at 6:30. The business meeting with election of officers for the following year will be held at 8 p.m. followed by a program presented by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stickney of Bedford, Mass. on Paul Revere Bells.

The Stickneys have made a study of Paul Revere Bells and their highly interesting program consists of a talk, displays, tape recordings and colored slides of Revere bells and churches with Revere bells. Their presentation gives a new and informative aspect on the life and activities of the Revolutionary hero, Paul Revere.

Reservations for the 6:30 dinner must be paid in advance and can be made with Maude Woodbury at 724 Main Street or Dorothy Thorpe at 726 Main Street by May 24th. Price of the dinner will be \$4 each.

Interested persons not attending the dinner are invited to the program meeting following at 8 p.m.

Clark PTO

Pot Luck Supper

On Wednesday night, May 17, 1978, at 6:30, the James Clark P.T.O. will hold its second annual Pot Luck Supper and guest speaker in the Clark School cafeteria.

Last years supper was a great success, and it is hoped that all James Clark School parents will participate this year.

Y.M.C.A. Craft Fair & Tag Sale

At an open house of the Y.M.C.A. Family Outdoor Center in Agawam on June 11, 1978 from 10:00 to 4:00 p.m., 10 of New England's finest Craftspersons will display and demonstrate their crafts. At the same time, the Family Center is holding a huge Tag Sale on the property. The swimming pool and tennis courts will be open to the public.

The Family Center is located at the corner of Perry Lane and Mill Street, just off Rt. 75, near Rt. 57 in Agawam.



Mrs. John O'Krongly

Marian Wysocki Weds John O'Krongly

Holy Trinity Church, Westfield, was the setting on Saturday, May 13, 1978 for the marriage of Marian Teresa Wysocki to John Francis O'Krongly. The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John S. Wysocki of Westfield. Mr. & Mrs. John J. O'Krongly of North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills are parents of the groom. The Rev. John P. Pickowicz, M.S., Pastor of Holy Trinity Church officiated.

Mrs. Armand Racicot, cousin of the bride was Matron of Honor, and Mr. Allen C. Greene, of

Agawam, was Best Man.

A graduate of Westfield High School, and Bay Path Jr. College, the bride is employed as a secretary for Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, Agawam.

The bridegroom was graduated from Agawam High School, and attended STCC and Western New England College. He is a member of the Agawam Auxiliary Police and is employed by Wysocki Construction Company, Westfield.

After a honeymoon trip to Bermuda, the couple will reside in Feeding Hills.

Organist Honored

Mrs. Eleanor Toussaint, Minister of Music for Agawam Congregational Church for 35 years, was recently honored at a Coffee Hour after church services. Two lovely cakes were decorated in a music motif.

The sanctuary choir presented her with a yellow rosebud corsage and a new "light-weight" robe. A plaque with the inscription: "Eleanor Toussaint, Minister of Music, for 35 years of devoted service to

the Agawam Congregational Church" was also presented from the choir.

Her children, Barry & Nancy from Conn. and both able to attend the happy occasion---which was a complete surprise to Eleanor---thanks to the efforts of many people.

After a well deserved round of applause, Rev. Bryan said "He expects the same service in the next 35 years!" We all appreciate your efforts Eleanor.

Special Town Council Meeting

There will be a Special Meeting of the Agawam Town Council held on Thursday, May 18, 1978, at 7 p.m., Agawam Junior High School Auditorium, 1305

Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass.

Agenda for this meeting is Adoption of 1978-79 Operating Budget.

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4th Of July Activities Planned

The Agawam 4th of July Committee is already busy planning the events and activities which will take place on Saturday and Sunday, July 1st and 2nd. Jack Kunasek has been appointed chairman of the committee. Committee members include, Bill Kushin, Ted Tworg, David Claus, and Stan Chmielewski.

There will be the fireworks display, a parade and a town picnic. The picnic, to be held again this year at the Polish American Club, will include entertainment by two bands, food, and carnival type booths.

Two new features have been added to this year's festivities. A twelve mile A.A.U. marathon through Agawam is currently being planned. Joe Voislow, winner of the 1955 Agawam Centennial marathon, is chairman of the event. The marathon will include a "high amature" class, as well as competition and

prizes for local joggers. Residents are urged to get involved as the committee hopes to make this an annual event, and winners in the marathon will have their names engraved on a plaque to be retained by the town.

A town wide "almost anything goes" contest will also be added to the activities of this gala weekend. Stan Chmielewski, who is in charge of this event guarantees a great time will be had by everyone. He is seeking input from the residents on what contests should be included in this event. Anyone with an idea for Agawam's "Almost Anything Goes" should contact Stan.

Any person wishing to participate in the marathon should contact Jack Kunasek.

All charitable organizations in Agawam are invited to operate a booth at the picnic. Anyone interested should contact Ted Tworg, as space is limited.

St. Theresa's Tag Sale

St. Theresa's Women's Guild will hold a tag sale on Saturday May 20, from 10 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Donated articles of all kinds will be sold and a snack bar will be set up for the convenience of the public, bake beans by order only, articles still accepted. Telephone 786-4451 - Will pick up.

VFW Band Car Wash

The HiLo's, the V.F.W. Post 1632 Drill Band, will sponsor a car wash on May 20, 1978, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Post home at 194 South Street, Feeding Hills. Proceeds from the Car Wash will be used to help defray the cost of the band's trip to Florida, where they have been invited to participate in a drill band competition.

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Board of Appeals

The Board of Appeals will hold hearings in the Hearing Room of the Town Administration Building beginning at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday May 24, 1978.

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Gary LaBine receives Brown University Associated Alumni Award from high school Principal David Theodorowicz as Elaine Bellaco, guidance Counselor looks on.

Photo by Jack Devine

LaBine Receives Alumni Award

Agawam High School junior Gary LaBine has received the Brown University "Associated Alumni Book Award" for being the "junior who best combines a high degree of ability in English expression both written and spoken with those outstanding personal qualities which, in the words of the Brown Charter of 1764, give promise that the student become one of the

'succession of men duly qualified for discharging the offices of life with usefulness and reputation.' The award was signed by Stanford W. Udis, President of the Associated Alumni of Brown University.

LaBine is the son of Mr. Raymond LaBine of Agawam. He is a member of the Agawam High Tennis team, and a member of the National Honor Society.

American Field Service

Agawam American Field Service will hold its third annual Bikeathon on Sunday May 21st. As has been the practice, the bikeathon will begin at the High school parking lot. Maps and sponsor sheets are available at all area schools. Refreshments will be served at each of the five check points to make the ride more enjoyable. The official starting time will be 11:00 a.m. through 12:30 p.m. Sponsor sheets will also be available at the high school on the day of the bikeathon.

A new feature this year is the addition of a structured one half mile bikeathon on the high school property. This route has been planned especially for the third through fifth grade students and should make a fund day for them. At the same time the Agawam AFS Chapter hopes to encourage family participation in an outdoor event which indirectly adds so much to so many young adult's lives. Please do yourself, your children and AFS a favor by riding in our Bikeathon on Sunday, May 21st.

Council for Children

On Wednesday, May 17 at 7:15 p.m., the Westfield Council for Children will hold a public hearing at the downstairs cafeteria at 42 Arnold Street, Westfield, on the need for children's services in the greater Westfield area. Communities in this area include: Agawam, Blandford, Chester, Feeding Hills, Granville, Huntington, Middlefield, Montgomery, Russell, Southwick, Tolland, Westfield, West Springfield,

and Woronoco.

Any resident of these communities wishing to address the need for new or expanded children's services or programs is welcome to attend. The hearing will be held in conjunction with the monthly Council Executive Board meeting and is part of the requirements for the annual needs assessment of children's services that is conducted by the Council.

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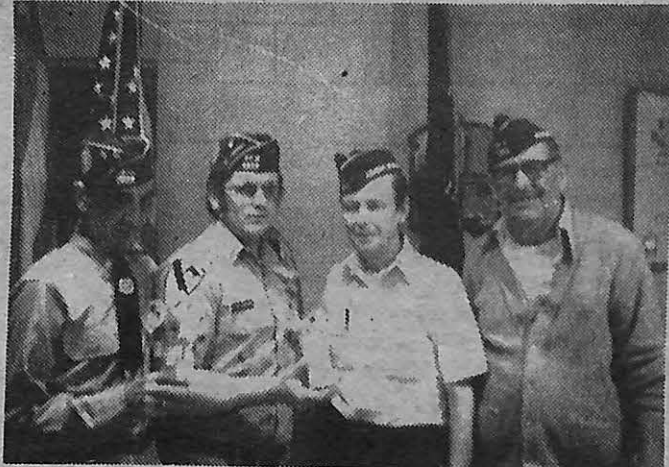
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Poppy Kick-Off Dinner

The Agawam V.F.W. Post home on South Street. 1632 will hold a Buddy Poppy Kick-Off Dinner on Saturday, May 20, 1978 at the Post. Tickets for the roast beef dinner may be obtained at the Post, and reservations

should be made by May 15, 1978.

There will be a cocktail hour from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by Chick Kennedy, an entertainer who used to appear on the same bill with Rudy Valley.

A Proclamation

WHEREAS: The annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has been officially recognized and endorsed by governmental leaders since 1922; and

WHEREAS: V.F.W. Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans, and the proceeds of this worthy fund-raising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans, and

WHEREAS: The basic purpose of the annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars is eloquently reflected in the desire to "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living"; therefore

I, Richard M. Theroux, President of the Agawam Town Council of the Town of Agawam do hereby urge the citizens of this community to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through the purchase of Buddy Poppies on the day set aside for the distribution of these symbols of appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead.

I urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude to the men of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedom which we continue to enjoy as American Citizens.

Postal Packaging Regulations

Agawam Postmaster Robert R. DeForge today issued a reminder to postal customers in Agawam that if the Postal Service's new packaging guidelines are followed they can virtually eliminate damage to their parcels.

Postmaster DeForge said that checks at bulk mail plants show that more than 80 per cent of all articles damaged in the mails were improperly packaged.

While the regulations and guidelines adopted recently by the Postal Service are detailed, they boil down to several basic steps that can help assure safe delivery.

First, select a strong carton. Use a fiberboard box with the "bursttest" number printed on it.

If the box says, for instance, 125 lbs. it can be used for mailing many types of merchandise weighing up to 20 lbs.

When a person is shipping dense or heavy materials, such as books, stronger boxes are required. For 10 lbs. of books the Postal Service recommends a box with a 175-lb. burst test.

The Postal Service suggests that wrapping paper not be used on cartons. If a wrapper is torn or lost in transit, the mailing address can disappear. Further, the paper adds nothing to the package's strength.

The use of masking and cellophane tapes for closing or sealing is prohibited. In transit they tend to peel off, and they have little strength. String is not recommended. If twine loosens, it can readily catch on processing

Editor's note: The following statement is an unedited statement of opinion by Town Manager Peter Caputo in support of the reorganization question. This newspaper will run another statement next issue, May 23, which will also contain some remarks of a financial nature regarding reorganization. These remarks will also be unedited. If someone disagrees with the following statement or would care to

publish an opinion regarding the finances of reorganization, you are hereby notified that you must submit your letter to the Editor, typewritten, no later than Thursday, May 18. We reserve the right to publish a sampling of the letters, unedited. If your letter represents the viewpoint of more than one person, so designate. The voting will occur Thursday, May 25.

In Favor of Reorganization

Local government is a major industry in any community. As a service organization it is subject to the controls, challenges and policies that each and every business and industry face each day...and more. As a publicly held corporation your Agawam Town Government spends your money in order to serve each person that lives in our community.

The structure of the administrative staff that spends your hard earned dollars for you must be considered in an area of signal importance. General management, management controls, fiscal responsibility is the primary mission of the administrative staff.

In order to handle the sophisticated problems that exist in government today (Budget, services, delivery of services, personnel, equipment, public relations, unions, human services and quality of community living) Agawam is indeed fortunate to have now in existence a hard working, efficient management team that works hand-in-hand with the Town Manager to accomplish the aforementioned responsibilities. The individuals in these positions are known as Directors. They are assigned to specific

areas of supervisory and management responsibilities.

The idea of a "team management" function in local government is a new concept that has met with great success in the country. Cities and towns in the west and mid-west have been developing the concept and Agawam has taken a leadership role in introducing this efficient method of management and control in the northeast. The results of this management innovation has proven itself in areas that are too numerous to list in one short newspaper article. The future of the system continues to evolve in an efficient manner that will lead to a continual re-assessment of services at lower costs to the taxpayer.

There have been some misconceptions on the part of those who have opposed the reorganization plan that proposed the directorships. The fact is that it was accomplished with in-house personnel and through the new methods applied since its inception has saved considerably more than its start up costs. We urge each citizen to vote in favor of the reorganization plan since it will benefit each member of this community through a more efficient method of running your public service business.

machinery.

Instead, parcel post customers are urged to use the pressure-sensitive, reinforced tapes. They are almost unbreakable.

When marking a package "Do Not Bend," it is required that the container have stiffeners which will protect it from being bent.

In using a second-hand box, it is important to mark out addresses that may have

been printed on it along with extraneous numbers that could be confused with the ZIP Codes.

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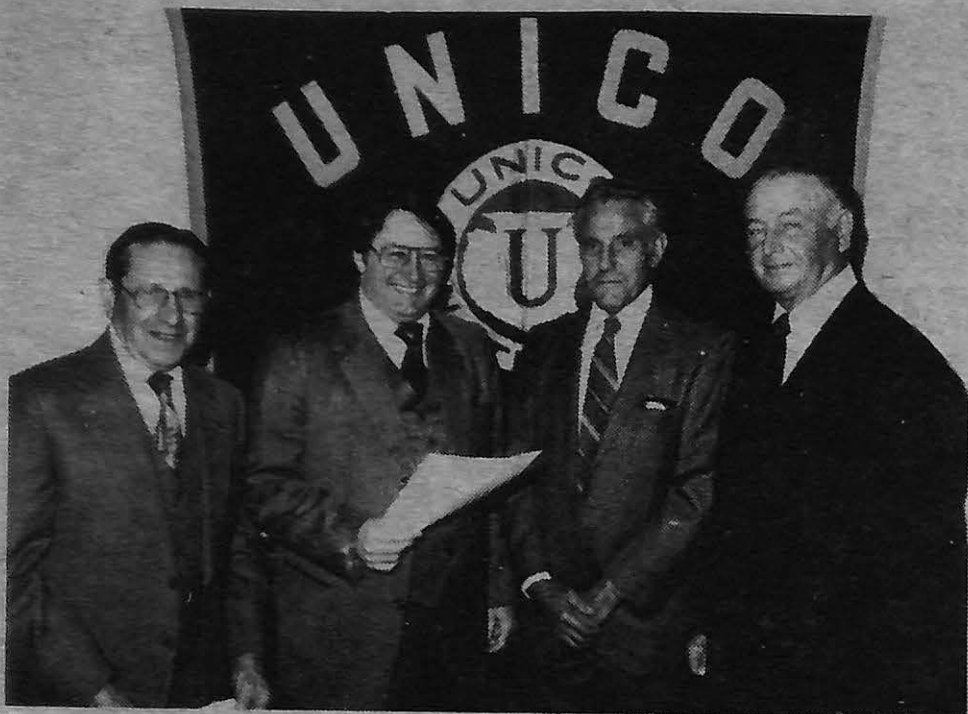
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Receiving the proclamation presented by the Agawam Town Council to the Agawam Chapter of UNICO are left to right: Paul Ferrarini, Publicity Chairman for the event; Peter Caputo, Town Manager, making the presentation; James Bruno, President of the Chapter and Honorary Chairman of the event; and Paul D'Amato, Chairman.

photo by Jack Devine

Proclamation Presented to UNICO

WHEREAS, the month of May has been designated as "MENTAL HEALTH MONTH" nationally, and

WHEREAS, the Agawam Chapter of UNICO National is cooperating with other chapters in a fund raising project known as A Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, and

THEREFORE, We, the Agawam Town Council, designate the week of May 21

through May 27, 1978, as "AGAWAM CHAPTER UNICO PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST" and urge all citizens of the Town to give their wholehearted support to the dedicated members of Agawam UNICO.

BE IT REMEMBERED, the proceeds will be donated by the Agawam Chapter of UNICO to the Massachusetts

Association for Mental Health and the Hampden County Society for Retarded Children.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hand and caused the Seal of the Town of Agawam to be affixed this tenth day of May, 1978.

AGAWAM TOWN COUNCIL... Richard M. Theroux
President

Music Events for May

Wed May 17 Junior High Band return visit to Greenfield Junior High School for second half of their exchange concert with that schools Band.

May 19-21 Senior High Band to Ridgewood, New Jersey Interstate Band Festival

Wed May 24 Chorus festival at the senior high school for Choruses from Middle School, Junior High School and Senior High School.

Mon May 29 Agawam Memorial Day Parade with participation by bands from Middle School, Junior High School and Senior High School.

Divorce Crisis Center

Earl Duncan, Public Relations Officer and Stephen Miniutti Board member of the Pioneer Valley Consumer Credit Counseling Service will be the featured speakers at the Divorce Crisis Center sponsored by Child and Family Service of Springfield, Inc. on Monday evening, May 22, 1978 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Mr. Duncan and Mr. Miniutti who works at Sears Credit Department will discuss "Financial Changes In Separation and Divorce. They will talk about budgeting, how to get credit, etc. A question and answer period will follow.

The Divorce Crisis Center meets every Monday evening from 7:30-9:30 p.m. except legal holidays. Admission is free and all are welcome. Once a month guest speakers address special divorce and separation concerns such as legal aspects, financial adjustments, etc.

Two trained professional social workers from the Child and Family Service Counseling staff lead the group discussions. Ongoing individual and family counseling services are also available at the agency.

UNICO Pancake Breakfast

Agawam Unico, a Non-Profit organization, will sponsor a pancake and sausage breakfast Sunday May 21, 1978 at Agawam Middle School, 100 Main St., Agawam with continuous servings 8- 12:30 AM - President James V. Bruno Sr., Honorary Chairman, has appointed Paul D'Amato, chapter's mental health chairman, to be general chairman and Paul Ferrarini will handle publicity. Frank J. Chriscola Jr. will be kitchen chef. Appointing Frank "Kitpen Chef" was a good choice due to his vast experiences in handling several Agawam Lions pancake and sausage breakfast. Frank will pick his Unico kitchen chef helpers. All proceeds will go for chapters mental health projects. Persons attending

years breakfast will replace Unico's lick-o-pop annual mental health drive. After church bring the family and have some one cook your breakfast and get away from your kitchen cleaning. Tickets are reasonable price \$1.25.

Meeting Notice

Following is a list of meetings that have been scheduled for the council to accomplish an overall review of the proposed 1978-79 Annual Operating Budget:

Tuesday, May 16, 1978 Teachers' Cafeteria Jr. High School - 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 17, 1978 Teachers' Cafeteria, Jr. High School - 7 p.m.

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Sports

Brownies Topped by Putnam in Wheel Contest

By Dan Maruszczak Jr.

Valley Wheel history was made recently as the Agawam High baseball team took on the Putnam Beavers - the first time in 21 years. Unfortunately, the Brownies came home on the short end of the stick, with a 1-0 loss to Putnam.

The major shock to the Agawam team was the loss slapped to Mike "Snake" Riley, bringing his record to 5-1, but not harming his undeniable 0.00 ERA.

The Beaver's starting hurler Bill Fontaine pitched a six-hitter with ten k's. Fontaine brought his record to 5-4, working in all of the Putnam games.

Meanwhile, Riley completed 44 innings of work with a 0.00 earned run average. He had his usual nine strikeouts, bringing the tally to 63 in six games.

Shortstop Jose Oyola scored the winning run after reaching base on an error,

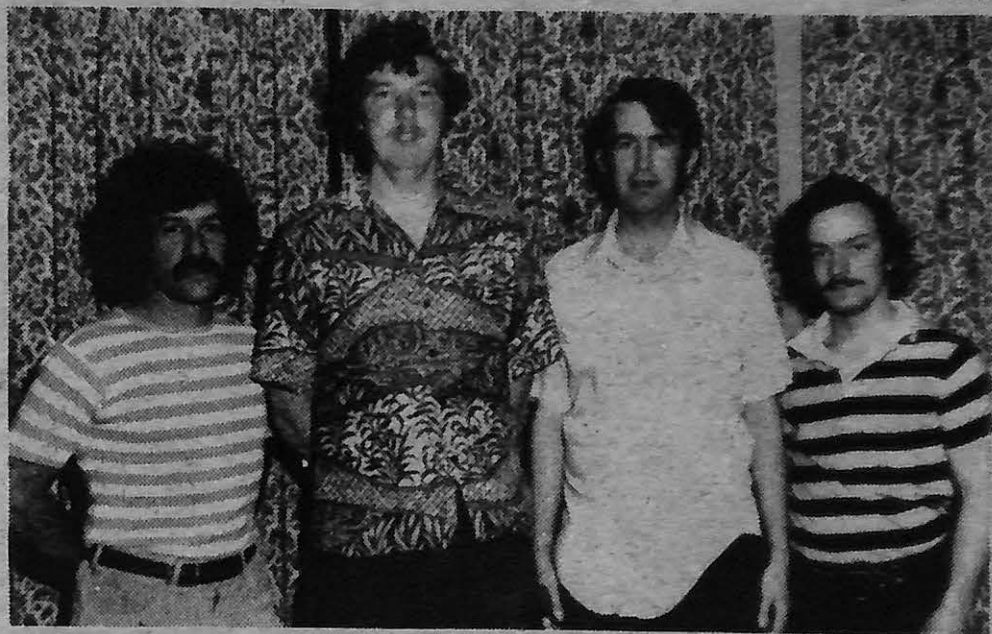
then stealing second and moving to third on an infield hit and scoring on a Putnam sacrifice fly in the third inning.

The last time that Putnam played Agawam was 21 years ago, when the Putnam Beavers were the Trade High favorites of the time. The coach of the Brownies at the time was Harold Leonardi, while at the helm of the Beavers was Mike Rauseo. The last game played between the two teams resulted in a 15-0 Trade High victory.

In other Wheel dealings, Minnechaug held onto its first place berth with a win over East Longmeadow, 1-0. The victory brought the Falcons to 7-0 in VW play. Longmeadow also beat East Longmeadow, 6-4, while South Hadley remained in contention with a 4-0 win over Amherst.

As the Wheel race tightens up, the loss to Putnam definitely hurt the Brownies, as they seem to need to win their next four or five games in order to bring themselves back to par to be in contention for the Valley Wheel crown. Meanwhile, Minnechaug is looking good with their hot hitting and superb pitching, which is their main battle plan for the Falcons.

South Hadley, a surprise team of this season, is also a prime contender for Agawam. Agawam is lacking the hitting in their past losses, which could mean more problems for the defending Wheel champs if not quickly mended.



Members of the "Edwards Trucking" bowling team, which won top prize of \$1,000 in the recent Riverside Bowling League's annual Roll-Off are from left: Dave Romani, Ed Grant, Norm Rouillard, and Mario Settembro. photo by Jack Devine

Riverside Roll Off

The Riverside Bowling League recently held their final roll-off for the season at the Riverside Lanes. Three teams, all winners in the qualifying rounds, competed for a total of \$1600 in prize money.

Winner of the roll-off was the team "Edwards

Trucking". Team members are Dave Romani, Westfield; Ed Grant, Agawam; Norm Rouillard, of Holyoke, and Mario Settembro, Springfield.

Second place went to "Crupi's Four". Team members are Dominick Crupi, of Agawam; Richard

Rouillard, Holyoke, Jim Sanford, Westfield, and Ed Boardway, West Springfield.

Third place team was "Gamelli Furniture" with team members Dave Borgatti of Agawam, Tony Bulbeau, South Hadley, Paul Burt, Westfield, and George Lecuyer, South Hadley.

Touching All Bases

By Dan Maruszczak Jr.

What would you say is the most popular team sport in the United States today? Answer: Softball. At the present more than 27 million men, women, girls, and boys play the new growing team sport.

In recent years the game has spread worldwide, with another 10 million on teams in 52 nations. It was recently introduced in the Soviet Union.

For the first time, softball will be on the official program of the Pan American Games next year. Softball is also biting at a bid for inclusion in the Summer Games at Los Angeles in 1984.

Whether softball becomes an Olympic sport or not, it has come a long way since Thanksgiving Day, 1887, at the Old Farragut Boat Club in Chicago.

The game was founded there on that cold, blustery day when club members used a boxing glove wrapped in the shape of a ball and batted it around.

Softball was called indoor-outdoor at first, because it could be played indoors, out of the cold, as well as outside.

As Minneapolis fireman, Lewis Rober Sr., did a lot to spread the gospel of the game at the turn of the century. He called it "Kitten Ball," a name that lingered through the late 20's and early '30's until it became better known as softball.

One of the biggest promotions for softball came when newspapers and television around the world carried coverage of President Carter playing softball during his visits to his hometown of Plains, Georgia. The coverage couldn't but help to have a widespread positive impact on the game. Carter is the first president to be an active softball player.

The Amateur Softball Association, headquartered in Oklahoma City, regulates and administers the game in this country. It has 11 paid employees, headed by Don Porter, executive director for 16 years.

ASA has 109 state and metro commissioners, 2,500 deputy and district commissioners covering the 50 states and major cities - all unpaid volunteers.

Organized softball in this country is 75 percent male, 25 percent female, while 87 percent is slow-pitch.

More than 50,000 persons a year visit the National Softball Hall of Fame, which is also located in Oklahoma City. The Hall of Fame holds memorabilia of the game from the early days to the presents.

Harold (Shifty) Gears was the first player to be inducted. In 1935 he hurled 98 consecutive scoreless innings for the Rochester Kodaks. A memorable woman Hall of Famer is Amy May of Tempe, Ariz., who pitched 50 no-hitters and 300 shutouts.

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Giants Drop Braves

By Steve Berard

In Sacred Heart Athletic Association baseball action last week, a two-hit game was pitched by Dan Maruszczak, as the Giants crushed the Braves, 13-5. Maruszczak pitched four full innings of shutout ball, letting up runs in the second and sixth innings by errors committed by infielders, with four walks let up in the second.

In second inning play, the Giants were set down by Brave pitcher with two K's and a pop-up. In the last of the second, Willy Bouchard got on base with an infield error. Maruszczak then set down Tim Munley and Fred Withee with strikeouts and forced Jeff Rovelli to pop-up.

In the fifth, Maruszczak set down the Braves in order, retiring Mike Sohay with a strikeout, then getting Jeff Rovelli and Rick Martel to fly-out.

In the Giant half of the fifth, Phil Scoville and Steven James led out with consecutive K's. Jack Jury then followed with a single. No runs were produced in this inning for the Giants.

In the top of the sixth, Chris Munley led off by grounding out. Maruszczak then followed by walking the next two batters. He then followed to strikeout Todd Rovelli and Mike Sohay to end the inning and finish the game.

The final score: Giants 13, Braves 5. Maruszczak ended

up allowing 2 hits with a final tally of ten strikeouts, while his ERA presently stands at 0.00. Kelly Ober also added with a three-run homer in the third.

Currently in the Sacred Heart Church Standings the Athletics coached by Al

Fenny, are on top in the 13-15 division with a record of 2 wins and 0 losses. This team to, has had some fine pitching from Michael Paul and Tommy Albano, Tommy setback the Pirates in the A's last victory, when he hurled a remarkable one-hitter.

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Hockey Assoc Elects Officers

The Agawam Hockey Association has newly elected officers. At a meeting on May 9, 1978, an election was held to determine the officers for the upcoming year. Running unopposed for the Presidency was Ronald Augusti, last years Vice President. Other offices were filled by Richard Santore, Vice President, John Spellacy, Secretary, Elaine Schott, Treasurer and John O'Malley, Financial Secretary. Over one hundred votes were cast in the election.

Several people volunteered for the various appointed positions open on the board but the association is still looking for a person for the Ways and Means position.

The association is still looking for coaches in all age brackets. Those interested in receiving an application for a coaching position should contact Ron Augusti.

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Tri County Banquet Held

By Dan Maruszczak Jr.

To kick-off the 1978 Tri-County baseball season, the annual opening banquet was held at the Silver Carriage Inn of Agawam last Tuesday night.

Two new managers were introduced at the banquet, Bill Moge Jr., and Al Stanek, the latter appointed pitcher-manager for the Chicopee

Falls Tigers. Mege will take the helm of the defending champs of Gasland as a player-manager.

Assisting Stanek this season will be Max Lesniak, who managed the Tigers when the Tri-County was formed in 1949. Lesniak managed Chicopee Falls four years ago.

League President Nad Beyajy announced at the Agawam restaurant that the Easthampton Orioles will play all their home games on weekends at the University of Massachusetts field.

To start the official opening of the 1978 season, the 1977 champion Gasland team will be pitted against Easthampton. In other action, Chicopee Falls will host Oliver Auto Body at Szot Park, Tuesday night at 7 p.m.

Other managers introduced at the dinner who are returning from last year are John Pananes, Paper City Liquor Dealers; Jeff Connery, Gold Mine Orioles; Randy Smith, East Longmeadow Leasing (a new sponsor); and Al Hedin, piloting the Oliver Auto Body squad.



The Agawam Little League 13-15 Senior Orioles are pictured above. They are, front row, left to right: Scott Bousquet, Anthony Venturini, Patrick Sheehan, Bob Schwein, Andy Paul, Bruno Antico, and Frank Armstrong. Second row, same order; Ed Venturini, Coach Dino Tangredi, Steve Carmel, Steve Buoniconti, Don Gallerani, Tom Sibilia, Rick Messenger, John Breton, and George Schwein, Coach. photo by Jack Devine

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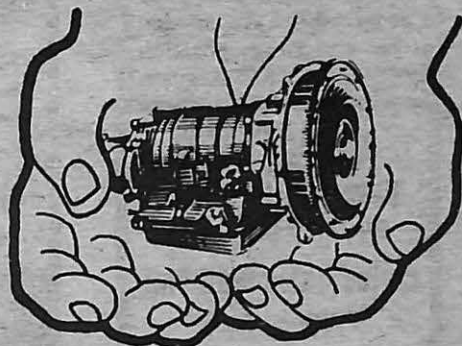
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Stafford Speedway

Opens Season

by Larry Bouchard

Editors Note: Larry Bouchard, of Agawam, will be reporting to us from both Stafford Springs Speedway, and from Riverside for the entire season. We look forward to publishing Larry's articles.

Young Rosati, while running in sixth position, did some fancy driving and took home first place honors. It seems as though Rosati is picking up where he left off last year.

In the Modified Division, Jeff Bodine outclassed the field. Bodine started in eighth place and by the twelfth lap he had taken the lead from Ron Bouchard. When the checkered fell after thirty laps, it was Bodine, Bugs Stevens and Ron Bouchard, in that order.

John Rosati of Agawam finished fifth after running strong all night.

Stafford Motor Speedway, Stafford Springs, Connecticut, will be running every Friday night: starting time 8 p.m. See you at the races!

In a second attempt to kick off the season at Stafford Motor Speedway, the cars were running on a wind-chilled Friday night before a sellout crowd. There was plenty of hot action in all three divisions. In the Limited Sportsman Division, Stafford's "Rookie of the Year", and grand champion, Tom Rosati of Agawam, came from behind after a spinout in turn two to take the checkered flag.

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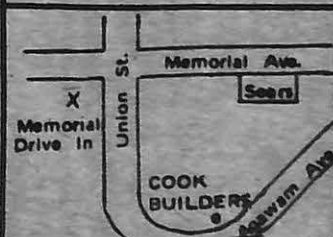
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May 26 Tuna casserole, coleslaw, icecream.

The next foot clinic will be on Thursday, May 18th. We still have a few openings, so make your reservation soon.

Those who are going on our May 31st trip to the Mark Twain museum: Please call on May 25 or 26 as to departure time. Don't forget, for we are planning another sightseeing stop in the morning and might leave early. So call!

We are offering in June an oral cancer screening clinic. It is a short, painless test, free of charge. Keep looking for the date and other particulars.

Area Bloodmobile

Three area churches, Sacred Heart, St. Anthony's and St. Theresa's, are jointly sponsoring a Red Cross Bloodmobile at the Sacred Heart Church Hall, 1059 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Monday, May 29th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Because blood collections are traditionally low on Memorial Day weekend, the public is urged to participate.

Donors should be in good health, weigh at least 110 pounds and be between 18 (17 with written parental consent) and 66 years old. A regular meal should be eaten within four hours of donation.

Appointments may be made by calling the Red Cross Chapter House at 737-4300. Walk-ins are most welcome.

Down to Earth

by Janet Cook



As the days get warmer and warmer, we all enjoy the fragrant flowers outdoors. Many people grow plants indoors, so that they may enjoy their flowers near the kitchen table or on a windowsill. A problem arises here. Often, plants are slow to bloom in the house. If a house plant isn't getting the correct light and fresh air circulation and being fertilized regularly, it may never blossom. Some people grow african violets solely for the blooms, but get only lots of green leaves. Try adding one teaspoon of brown vinegar to a quart of water and use this solution when watering your african violets and other plants that should be blooming in the house and aren't. The vinegar reduces the alkalinity in the water. Highly alkaline water often will produce all leaves and no flowers. Also try watering such plants using diluted leftover coffee or tea. Dilute these using one cup coffee or tea in one quart of water. This will provide tannic acid for plants.

In our coverage of some common house plant pests, the white fly leaves no one alone. White fly is a tiny white flying insect that lives on the under sides of plant leaves. This is also where it lays its eggs. If a plant becomes badly infected, it is best disposed of, as this little devil will spread rapidly. If you discover only a few, spray with malathion.

A new discovery has been made concerning insect control on houseplants. Rubbing alcohol has been used for a long time as a treatment for mealybugs, as

the alcohol will penetrate the waxy coating on the insect. Now it has been found, that by mixing rubbing alcohol with chemicals like malathion or isotox, can provide a much wider spectrum of control. To mix, dilute the rubbing alcohol, two parts of alcohol into one part water. Add this to the regular mixture of malathion or isotox for houseplants. Make sure that you always wash the container and your hands after using any insect control on your plants.

If your lawn or garden has been the summer vacation retreat for moles in the past, here are some things to try. First, of course, is 'Mole Not' sold at garden centers, which is a pretty good cure, provided the moles are hungry enough. There ARE some other ways.... soak a kleenex or a rag with peanut or olive oil and push it into the mole runway. The oil becomes rancid and 'stinks' them out. Vibration in the ground upsets moles. Stick a child's pinwheel in several spots around the garden. The noise will drive them crazy and out of your garden. A larger mole windmill called 'Klippety-Klop' is designed for this purpose also and is sold at some garden centers. If all seems to fail, this 'last resort' will probably work. Dig open the mole tunnels regularly and drop in dog droppings....just a few in each tunnel. The moles will surly take up residence elsewhere. If you do not own the dogs to provide this remedy, import some from your neighbor's dog. I'm sure you agree that anything is worth a try when moles are a problem.

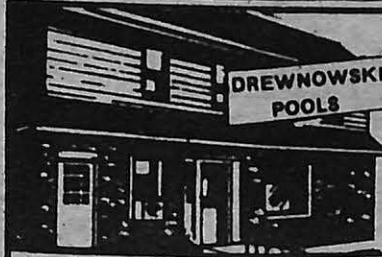
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Eileen Burzdak

Betty Grimaldi

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Betty is married to Fiore (Butch) Grimaldi, has 8 children, 3 grandchildren and lives in Agawam. Butch is the co-owner of Grimaldi Ice and Fuel Co. located in Agawam.

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